

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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GHAZIABAD NEW DELHI RAILWAY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether passengers travelling on Ghaziabad-New Delhi stretch under Northern Railways have to face inordinate delays daily because of heavy load of traffic caused by inadequacy of railway lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) There are no inordinate delays of trains daily between Ghaziabad-New Delhi stretch of Northern Railway. During peak hours, there is occasional bunching of trains in morning and evening which takes place due to various reasons like miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, cyclonic storms, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failure, equipment failure etc. As several trains follow each other very closely in a queue in morning and evening peak hours, additional transit timings sometimes affect scheduled platform berthing and maintenance slots and have a chain reaction, impacting passenger operations adversely.

(c) The following steps are taken for ensuring punctuality of trains:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.
2. Punctuality drives are being conducted from time to time.
3. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.
4. Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
5. Training, counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
6. Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.
7. Up-gradation of infrastructure to improve terminal and line capacity.